(Lakdawala formula). However, by eliminating the impact of the state-sponsored food subsidy scheme, the Planning Commission has raised the poverty ratio of Andhra Pradesh from 22.19% to 25.68% for exclusive use in the matter of allocation of foodgrain under Targeted Public Distribution Scheme (TPDS).

Installation of medical gas pipe line at ESI hospital in Bangalore

*157. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal for installation of medical gas pipe line to start the Cardiothoracic unit of the Employees State Insurance Hospital at Indirapuram, Bangalore, submitted by the State Government is pending with Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when a decision is expected to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI SAHIB SINGH VERMA) (a) and (b) No such proposal is pending with the Government of India. However, the ESI Corporation had received a revised request from the Government of Karnataka to accord its concurrence for installing a medical gas pipeline at the ESI Hospital, Indiranagar, Bangalore. The approval of ESIC has recently been conveyed to the State Government.

Women workers in Government sector

*158. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of women employees in Government sector has come down:

(b) the percentage of women at present in PSU banks and other PSUs; and

(c) whether Government have any plan to increase the number of women employees in these organizations?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI SAHIB SINGH VERMA): (a) No, Sir.